June 6, 2008

Dear County/Regional Planner or Administrator

The State Demography Office has produced *draft* county July 1, 2007 population estimates for Colorado. They are available on our CTF Evaluation website at <a href="http://www.dola.colorado.gov/dlg/demog/ctf07.html">http://www.dola.colorado.gov/dlg/demog/ctf07.html</a> We are asking that you informally review your county data before we allocate it to the municipalities and unincorporated areas. To keep on schedule, we are hoping to get **input from you and/or someone on your staff by June 23, 2008**. To provide us with your comments, please email Richard Lin at: <a href="mailto:richard.lin@state.co.us">richard.lin@state.co.us</a> or call him at 303-866-4989.

**Table 1.** in the first row panel shows the State Demography Office (SDO) estimates for the county. In the second row panel are the estimates developed by the U. S. Bureau of the Census for your comparison. The differences between the two are in the third row panel. The symptomatic data on the bottom half of the page is to enable you to compare the estimated population change with that of other variables that might be indicative of population change.

You may notice that the 2006 population estimate has been revised. We have revised our population estimates from 2001-2006 based on changes the Census Bureau has made in their net migration time series. The total effect has been an increase in the states population by almost 13,000 over the six years. If you have questions please let us know.

After the receipt of your comments on the county totals, we will complete our draft municipal, unincorporated and special district population totals. It is our expectation that these draft estimates will be completed by mid July and the formal CTF draft estimates will be emailed for their review.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort and if you have any questions please contact me at: <a href="mailto:elizabeth.garner@state.co.us">elizabeth.garner@state.co.us</a> or 303-866-3096.

Sincerely,

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